decision regarding raising the reservoir level to 138.68 metres (455 feet) could be considered.

Construciton of the dam will proceed puri-passu with the resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons as per terms of the Award and relief and rehabilitation Policies laid down by the States in this regard. The States shall ensure speedy and proper implementation of the relief and rehabilitation mearures."

(ii) Further action for procurement of Turbo-Generators would be proceeded with.

Statement

List of Participants in the meetings of Chief Ministers of Narmada Basin States held on 5.7.1996 and 15-16.7.1996

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1. Janeshwar Mishra, Union Minister of Water Resources.
2. Balwant Singh Ramoowalia, Union Minister of Welfare. (15-16.7.96 only)
3. Dr. Y.K. Alagh, Union Minister of State for Planning & Programme Implementation (on 15.7.96 only)
4. Capt. Jai Narayan Prasad Nishad, Union Minister of State for Environment & Forests (on 5 & 15.7.96 only)
5. Dr. S. Venugopalachari, Union Minister of State for Power. (15-16.7.96 only)
6. Suresh Chandra Mehta, Chief Minister, Gujarat.
7. Digvijay Singh, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh.
8. Manohar Joshi, Chief Minister, Maharashtra (5.7.1996 only)
9. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Chief Minister, Rajasthan.
10. Gopinath Munda, Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra, (on 5 & 15.7.96 only)
11. Subhash Yadav, Deputy Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh.
12. Jay Narayan Vyas, Minister, Narmada Development, Gujarat.
13. Mahadeoraoji Shivankar, Minister for Irrigaiton, Maharashtra.

Increase in Crime in Capital

1739. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
SHRI RAJ BABAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the crimerrate in Delhi;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) total number of cases registered with the Police authorities of Delhi during the last two years out of which how many have been solved and the number of cases still pending; and

(d) the steps taken to check the increase of crimes in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) IPC cases have registered an increase of 3.43% during the last six months i.e. from 1.1.1996 to 30.6.19% as compared with the preceding period of six months.

The main factors responsible for the increase in crime include, *inter alia,* increase in population and greater emphasis on free registration of cases.

(c) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement (see *below).*

(d) The steps taken to check crime include, *inter alia,* increase patrolling, posting of pickets at strategic points, strengthening of intelligence machinery, frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals, coordination with neighbouring States, modernisation of communications networks, etc.

Statement

	Number of cases reported	Number of cases candled	Number of cases untraced	Nember of cases ended in Conviction	Acquit-tal	Number of cases	
						Pending trial	Pending investi-gation
1994	38224	1562	13740	2381	716	18917	908
1995	47687	1455	16300	2847	348	20089	6648

Nuclear test by China

1740. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China again conducted an underground nuclear test on June 7, 1996, announcing its intention to carry out yet another nuclear-test by September, 1996; and

(b) if so. Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI IK. GUJRAL) (a) Yes, Sir. China conducted a nuclear test on 8 June 19%. China has also indicated that it will conduct another test in September 1996.

(b) Government has expressed its dismay at recent nuclear tests carried out by some nuclear weapon states. These represent a setback to the cause of nuclear disarmament, on which India has taken a consistent and principled position.

Pension to Freedom Fighters

1741. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: SHRI ASHOK MITRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters who arc in receipt of political pension from the Union Government;

(b) the number of pension applications that arc still pending; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for reviewing the procedure of processing applications so that genuine political sufferers are not Kept waiting for an indefinite period?

THE MIN1STE OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) From the inception of the scheme, 1,62,844 persons have been sanctioned pension from the Central Revenues.

(b) All timely applications received for grant of pension have been considered at least once and decisions communicated to the applicants. Agrieved with the decision of the Government regarding rejection of claims, the applicants keep on sending review applications/repesentations. If the applicants furnish some additional acceptable documentary evidence in support of their claims, such cases are reconsidered. However, as on 1.7.19%, 21 fresh claims received recently were pending.

(c) The Government of India do not propose to review the procedure of processing applications for grant of pension. The existing procedure is quite adquatc for processing the applications.